

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-14

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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9464

INFO USLO PEKING

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMCONSUL BOMBAY

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMCONSUL MADRAS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CH, PF, PG, IN

SUBJ: PARACEL ISLAND DISPUTE

REF: STATE 19749

1. INDIAN PRESS GAVE FAIRLY PROMINENT COVERAGE TO CHINESE TAKEOVER OF THE PARACELS WITH GENERALLY ANALYTICAL AND BALANCED EDITORIAL COMMENT. SENSATIONALIST, PRO-SOVIET BLITZ CARRIED A SPLASHY PIECE ON THE PARACELS AS THE FIRST VICTIM OF CHINA'S RENEWED AGGRESSION IN SOUTH ASIA.

2. THERE HAS BEEN NO GOVERNMENT COMMENT SO FAR, AND WE EXPECT INDIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS IN ANY PUBLIC REMARKS ON THE DISPUTE. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHINESE MOVE marginally reinforced Indian concern that the Chinese are potentially dangerous, expansionist, and looking  
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SOUTHWARD--AND PERHAPS THEN WESTWARD.

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## Message Attributes

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